

## MURPHY GEORGE

Mr. Murphy George, age 82 of Lufkin, passed away Thursday, August 27, 2009 in a local Hospital. Mr. George was born July 25, 1927 in Palestine, Texas, the son of the late Janie (Kojak) and William George, Sr.

Mr. George graduated from public school at Palestine High School and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 - 1955. He and his wife Bettye have one son, Bill. The Georges are members of First Presbyterian Church in Lufkin. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and Arabia Temple Shrine in Houston.

Mr. George served on a number of local, regional and state boards as a dedicated volunteer, to include: Memorial Medical System of East Texas, University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, Memorial Hermann Foundation, SFA University Foundation, East Texas Food Bank Foundation, Burke Center (Deep East Texas MHMR), Buckner Family Place, Goodwill Industries, Boys & Girls Club of Deep East Texas, Boys & Girls Club of Lufkin, Area 7 Special Olympics, Museum of East Texas, Salvation Army, Women's Shelter, Texas Association of Business, Texas Business & Commerce Political Action Committee, Texas Department of Commerce (appointed by Governor Ann Richards in 1992) and Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (appointed by Governor George W. Bush in 1996).

Mr. George was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including: Volunteer of the Year - 1992, presented by Hermann Childrens' Hospital, George H. Hermann Society, Houston, Texas; Ralph W. Steen East Texas of the Year Award - 1993, presented by Deep East Texas Council of Governments; Outstanding East Texan of the Year - 1994, pre-

sented by Texas Chamber of Commerce; Volunteer of the Year - 1994, presented by Texas Chamber of Commerce; Texas Leader of Excellence - 1996, presented by the Free Market Foundation; Special Congressional Recognition - 1996, presented by United States Congress; Paul Harris Fellow - 1996, presented by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; Service Above Self Award - 2004, presented by Rotary International (Angelina Rotary Club); The Silver Bucket Award - 2009, presented by The Angelina Chamber of Commerce ; and The Angelina Award - 2009, presented by The Angelina Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his son Bill George, of Lufkin; brother and sister-in-law Frank, Jr. and Jeanette George, of Palestine; sisters-in-law Agnes George, of Palestine, Alma Taylor, of Abilene and Peggy Mattox, of Crockett; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Preceded in death by his wife Betty Joyce Knox George in 2001; parents Janie (Kojak) and William George, Sr.; brothers William George, Jr., Johnny George, Jesse George, Sr.; and sister Virginia George Smith.

Services for Mr. Murphy George were held on Sunday, August 30, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, with Bro. Steven Frasier and Dr. Jack Schultz officiating. Private entombment services were held in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Jesse George, Jr., Jeffrey George, Sr., Frank George, Jr., Jesse George, III, Fred Knapp and Charles Taylor.

Expressions of sympathy in Murphy's memory may be made to Buckner Family Place, 1825 Sayers, Lufkin, Texas 75904; Women's Shelter of East Texas, 2723 Durst, Nacogdoches, Texas 75964; Boys & Girls Club, 909 S. Angelina, Lufkin, Texas 75904; Volunteer Service Council at The Lufkin State School, P. O. Box 1648, Lufkin, Texas 75902; or to the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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